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Dear Mme Tèlio,

On behalf of Ward 7C1 at the Montreal Children's Hospital, I would like to take this opportunity to thank your organization for the "Dr. Clown" service that you have provided for our patients. They have brought sunshine and laughter onto our unit each day they have visited. They have had a positive effect on reducing the stress level of parents who relax a bit when they see their child smiling. In turn, our staff find that the overall atmosphere becomes more enjoyable because the laughter of children makes everyone smile!

I do want to comment on one specific child who was seen by "Dr. Fifi" and "Dr. L'Air de Rien". She has had to be hospitalized frequently. This particular time she was very angry with her family and refusing to do anything that would enable her to be discharged. Once she started playing with the clowns, she began to giggle and continued to be playful even after they left. She was discharged less than two days later. She will be admitted for surgery in the fall and her mother has already requested another visit by the clowns!

I wanted you to know that we are very grateful for the "Dr. Clown" program which has made a significant impact on the physical and psychological health of our children, parents and staff. Keep up the good work!

Sincerely,

*Shirley Straight*  
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